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H. R. 6524

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. VESSEL DOCUMENTATION EXEMPTION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections 12112
5 and 12132 and chapter 551 of title 46, United States
6 Code, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast
7 Guard is operating may issue a certificate of documenta-
8 tion with a coastwise endorsement for each of the following
9 vessels:

1 (1) LNG GEMINI (United States official num-
2 ber 595752).

3 (2) LNG LEO (United States official number
4 595753).

5 (3) LNG VIRGO (United States official num-
6 bers 595755).

7 (b) LIMITATION ON OPERATION.—Coastwise trade
8 authorized under subsection (a) shall be limited to car-
9 riage of natural gas, as that term is defined in section
10 3(13) of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C.
11 1502(13)).

12 (c) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF ENDORSE-
13 MENTS.—The coastwise endorsement issued under sub-
14 section (a) for a vessel shall expire on the date of the sale
15 of the vessel by the owner of the vessel on the date of
16 enactment of this Act to a person who is not related by
17 ownership or control to such owner.

18 **SEC. 2. OPERATION OF DRY DOCK IN KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.**

19 A vessel transported in Dry Dock #2 (State of Alas-
20 ka registration AIDEA FDD-2) is not merchandise for
21 purposes of section 55102 of title 46, United States Code,
22 if, during such transportation, Dry Dock #2 remains con-
23 nected by a utility or other connecting line to pierside
24 moorage located in Ketchikan, Alaska.

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